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In re Patent Application of

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For: POWER GENERATION PLANT REMOTE
OPERATION SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 6 and 8 as follows.

A1
6. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control
and operation system of claim 1, wherein the thermal power
generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control
center based on its own operating state controlled by the
remote control center.

A2
8. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control
and operation system of claim 1, wherein the thermal power
generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control
center based on the amount of cost saving by an improvement
proposal presented by the remote control center.